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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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1. MARITIME AGREEMENT. OUR LATEST (STATE 12267) BRINGS YOU UP TO DATE ON OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH THE SOVIETS. OUTSIDE OF ARRANGING FOR NEW TALKS, LITTLE WAS ACCOMPLISHED. THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE ARTICLE OF JANUARY 14 APPARENTLY STEMMED IN PART FROM BLACKWELL. HOWEVER, THE 16.47 DOLLAR RATE FIGURE COULD BE FOUND IN THE JCC'S DAILY REPORT ON SHIP FIXTURES. THE DIFFERENCE IN TONE WHICH YOU NOTED BETWEEN THE ARTICLE AND WHAT WAS SAID AT THE MOSCOW TALKS REFLECTED IN PART A DESIRE NOT TO STIR UP THE PUBLIC HERE WHILE DISCUSSIONS WITH DOBRYNIN WERE GOING ON. THERE WERE ALSO DIFFERING PERCEPTIONS OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SOVIET POSITION ON III B.

2. JOC OIL DEAL. MARAD REPORTS THAT KNOWLEDGEABLE INDUSTRY
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SOURCES IN NEW YORK HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT THE DEAL WHICH WE TOLD YOU ABOUT EARLIER. OUR INFO ON IT COMES FROM A LETTER FROM JOC TO THE DEPARTMENT. AMONG THE INTERESTING ASPECTS: JOC IS KNOWN AS AN OUTFIT WHICH DEALS MAINLY IN PRODUCT, YET IS APPARENTLY BUYING CRUDE FROM THE SOVIETS. WE WONDER WHAT THE PRICE ARRANGEMENTS ARE. MARAD THINKS WE MIGHT BE

ABLE TO CARRY SOME OF THIS OIL UNDER THE MARITIME AGREEMENT BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO NEGOTIATE A RATE ARRANGEMENT TO DO SO.

3. FYI. VO AND EMBASSY KINGSTON ARE ARRANGING TO CLEAR FOR TRAVEL TO THE US ROBERT NATHANIAL ROBINSON, BORN JUNE 22, 1900, IN JAMAICA, A MAN WHO WAS NATURALIZED AS AN AMERICAN, THEN WENT TO THE USSR AND REMAINED FOR MANY YEARS, LOSING HIS US CITIZENSHIP IN THE PROCESS. HE LEFT THE USSR VIA UGANDA. LEN WILLEMS RECALLS THAT THERE WAS A BIG FILE ON ROBINSON IN THE CONSULAR SECTION. IF IT REFLECTS ANY UNFINISHED CONSULAR BUSINESS, PLEASE INFORM US BY THIS CHANNEL.

4. TALKED TO FUERTH TODAY WHO IS INTERESTED BUT FRANKLY WEIGHING OTHER POSSIBILITIES AS WELL. HE IS ADAMANT THAT HE WOULD NOT GO BEFORE SUMMER BECAUSE HE WANTS MORE LANGUAGE TRAINING. HE HAD 4-PLUS MONTHS AT FSI AND GOT A 2 PLUS, THREE MINUS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, BUT SAYS HE WOULDN'T GO UNLESS HE GOT MORE. WE TOLD HIM WE WOULD CHECK IT OUT WITH YOU AND GET BACK TO HIM MONDAY OR TUESDAY. PERSONNEL MAY STRONGARM HIM BUT WE GET THE IMPRESSION HE'D FIGHT BACK.

5. PLEASE VERIFY TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS FOR REBECCA SHOMACKER. UNABLE TO REACH HER. TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS NO

LISTING FOR EITHER SHOMACKER RPT SHOMACKER OR SHOMACHER RPT SHOMACHER AT CHADWICK ADDRESS.

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6. THE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY AND BIOCHEMISTRY WORKING

GROUP UNDER THE US-USSR WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT WILL BE MEETING IN MOSCOW FROM JANUARY 24 TO 29. THE US DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDES SPECIALISTS BOTH FROM GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HAS EXPRESSED A WISH TO MEET IN A SECURE ROOM AT THE EMBASSY AT SOME TIME DURING THEIR STAY. WE HAVE ADVISED USDEL MEMBER HERBERT AUSTIN OF NOAA/NMFS TO CONTACT ALLEN GREENBERG TO REQUEST SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.

7. FOR TOM TRACY FROM MARSHALL. APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON MY HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. KAY MOORE HAS SENT ME A NOTE CLARIFYING APO PACKAGE SITUATION. REFERENCE TO "VARIOUS CHARGES" WAS TO OVERTIME, SEPARATION PAY, UNUSED LEAVE, AND SOCIAL SECURITY. TO PNG SOMEONE (IN SITUATION WHERE HE'LL BE SWORN TO SECRECY) AND THEN CHARGE HIM FOR SEPARATION PAY AND UNUSED LEAVE FOR HIS MAID IS TRULY ADDING INSULT TO INJURY, PARTICULARLY WHEN ALL THE MAID

HAD BEEN DOING FOR FOUR MONTHS WAS WALKING A DOG. IN ANY
CASE, WOULD LIKE YOU TO CALL ME AT (202) 338-8448 BETWEEN
1530 AND 1630 MOSCOW TIME TOMORROW OR FRIDAY. PLEASE PASS
ON TO KAY MOORE THAT ADDRESS FOR ME IS NOW EUR:SOV, ROOM
4217, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

8. SORRY FOR DELAY IN SENDING PRESS GUIDANCE ON ARMY
HYGIENE REPORT ON THE WATER. AT LAST MINUTE WE HAD TO
CHECK ONE ITEM AND CABLE DID NOT GO OUT UNTIL THIS
MORNING.
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